



*Jim Justice*  
*Governor of West Virginia*

May 7, 2019

Ken Ward  
The Charleston Gazette  
1001 Virginia Street, East  
Charleston, WV 25301

*VIA Electronic Mail*

Dear Mr. Ward:

The Office of the Governor received your email on May 1, 2019 requesting, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), W. Va. Code § 29B-1-1, *et seq.*, copies of the following records:

[C]opies of any orders, letters, memoranda, announcements or other documents that reflect you, the governor, directing cabinet secretaries and/or department heads to not enter into contracts to do business with companies you or your family own until they are placed into a blind trust.

Copies of any orders, letters, memoranda, announcements or other documents in which reflect the placement of a "moratorium" on any state agencies, officials or employees being able to stay at the Greenbrier.

We have completed our search for the public records in our custody that are responsive to your request and found no records. The responsibilities of the Office of the Governor in connection with your FOIA request are now at an end. If you are aggrieved by the denial of your request, FOIA affords you the opportunity to seek injunctive or declaratory relief in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Bentley".

Berkeley Bentley  
Deputy General Counsel and  
Senior Counsel for Legislative and Policy